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Re 2 John STENNIS

WASHINGTON--CHAIRMAN JOHN C. STENNIS ANNOUNCED TODAY THAT THE SENATE PREPAREDNESS SUBCOMMITTEE IS DRAFTING AN INTERIM REPORT ON THE "INTELLIGENCE ASPECTS" OF THE RUSSIAN MILITARY BUILD-UP IN CUBA.

THE MISSISSIPPI DEMOCRAT MADE THE STATEMENT AFTER A SHORT CLOSED-DOOR SUBCOMMITTEE MEETING. SINCE IT INITIATED THE STUDY IN FEBRUARY THE SUBCOMMITTEE HAS TWICE QUESTIONED JOHN A. MCCONE, DIRECTOR OF CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE, AND HAS TAKEN TESTIMONY FROM ALL OF THE MILITARY INTELLIGENCE CHIEFS.

"EVIDENCE ON THE INTELLIGENCE PART OF THE HEARINGS HAS BEEN SIFTED," STENNIS SAID, AND "SOME OF THE HIGH POINTS HAVE BEEN DISCUSSED. . . WITH A VIEW TO AN INTERIM REPORT ON THE INTELLIGENCE ASPECTS."

STENNIS SAID HE BELIEVES MUCH OF THE INTERIM REPORT WILL BE UNCLASSIFIED AND CAN BE MADE PUBLIC. HE SAID NO DATE HAS BEEN SET FOR ISSUING IT. HE STRESSED THAT THE REPORT WILL NOT END THE SUBCOMMITTEE'S INTEREST IN THE CUBAN SITUATION.

"WE ARE CONTINUING SURVEILLANCE OF THE ENTIRE CUBAN SITUATION," STENNIS SAID.

ASKED ABOUT WITHDRAWALS OF SOVIET TROOPS FROM CUBA, STENNIS SAID NO ONE HAS ANY "FIRM" DATA ON HOW MANY TROOPS REMAIN.

PRESIDENT KENNEDY TOLD HIS NEWS CONFERENCE THIS WEEK THAT THE U. S. BELIEVES ABOUT 9,000 RUSSIANS IN ALL HAVE BEEN WITHDRAWN FROM A RUSSIAN GARRISON WHICH TOTALLED 21,000 AT THE HEIGHT OF THE CUBAN CRISIS.

STENNIS DISCLOSED THAT THE SUBCOMMITTEE IS AT WORK ON A REPORT AS SENATE DEMOCRATIC WHIP HUBERT HUMPHREY SAID THAT THE ADMINISTRATION HAS ALREADY APPLIED MOST OF THE ECONOMIC PRESSURES RECOMMENDED BY SEN. KENNETH B. KEATING, R-N.Y., TO PUSH THE RUSSIANS OUT.

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